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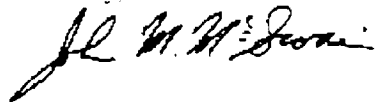
Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I am writing to you regarding the Microsoft case. To me, Microsoft symbolizes what America stands for – free enterprise. They should not be punished for their ability to lead the industry and their competitors' inability to follow even closely behind. Ever since its inception, Microsoft has been an incredible act to follow. The company's software has been released with relatively few glitches, has been very affordable, and has made the professional and personal lives of its users much more convenient. I use Linux on several of my machines and think it is great, but it is not suitable to the average consumer, only Microsoft fits that bill.

I also believe that the States that remain in opposition of Microsoft have not given close enough consideration to Microsoft's impact on the economic well being of this nation. With the country in a recession and at war, this is no time to negatively impact the economic backbone of the technology industry.

I know that when closure is brought to this matter, it will do a world of good for the economy and the industry. Thank you for doing your part to recreate this stability.

Sincerely,



John M. McSwain

cc: Senator Strom Thurmond
Congressman John Spratt